BILL: **F2016-SR3**

TITLE: **Bylaws Amendment: Midd Speaks Flag Pole Resolution**

SPONSOR: **Karina Toy, SGA President**
David Ollin Pesqueira, Co-chair of the Community Council

DATE: **November 13, 2016**

Whereas, the Student Government Association (SGA) of Middlebury College supports the designation of an outdoor space for student expression and articulation;

Whereas, this recommendation is unbinding and not intended to serve as a list of demands to the administration and all relevant representatives.

Therefore, be it resolved…

That, the Student Government Association supports the following structural changes and their detailed purpose through organized, open dialogue regarding logistics between the relative administrative and student bodies.

That, Middlebury College should support and sponsor two flag poles (constructing one outside of McCullough, and designating one of the three preexisting poles outside of the Athletic Center) as **"Student Initiative Poles"**. These flag poles will be for the sole use of student initiatives.

That, the following text be inserted into the SGA Bylaws as Section IX. Midd Speaks, pending administrative support of Student Initiative Poles:

Section IX. Midd Speaks
A student-facilitated space for self-expression and collaborative expressiveness.

(1) Students interested in hanging flags on the Student Poles must submit the following to the SGA Director of Institutional Affairs:
   a. An explanation of the significance and relevance of the flag, in addition to a picture of the flag for reference;
   b. An explanation and the desired time period for the flag to hang, not exceeding a semester;
   c. At least one student must sign their name and Middlebury e-mail as a contact person for all correspondence regarding the proposal.
   d. 100 student signatures with ID numbers in support of hanging this flag. These signatures may be physical or digital.

(2) The Director of Institutional Affairs is responsible for ensuring that every application submitted is complete.
   a. Each completed application must be submitted to the SGA Senate as soon as it is received. If it received before Thursday at 5pm, it will be

added to the agenda and discussed that Sunday. If it is received after Thursday at 5pm, than that it will be pushed to the next meeting.
    b. Each application will be submitted to and discussed by the SGA Senate in the order that it is received.
    c. The contact person and anyone else involved will be invited by the SGA President to attend the Senate meeting where their proposal is discussed.
    d. The SGA Senate has the right to makes changes to any part of the proposal before they vote. This includes everything from the language of the explanation to the time period for which the flag will hang.

(3) All proposals must be approved by a simple majority in the SGA Senate **after extensive discussion,**
    a. SGA Senate will make decisions according the Middlebury Community Standards. If it is denied an explanation will be sent from the SGA to the contact person within 24 hours, these decisions are eligible to appeal through the process outlined in Subsection (E)
    b. If the proposal breaks any relevant ordinances it will be automatically denied by the SGA Senate without coming to a vote. A brief explanation will then be sent from the SGA to the contact person, these decisions are not eligible for appeal.

(4) If approved, SGA will not be responsible for supplying said flag,
    a. A flag and plaque describing the significance of said flag must be provided to the Director of Institutional Affairs, who will be responsible for hanging both within a week of collection.

(5) The process of appeal is such that, in the event that a flag is not approved, a petition to the SGA with 200 signatures and additional justification for the flag is required to be sent to the SGA Director of Institutional Affairs.
    a. These signatures may be digital or physical, but must include student ID numbers.
    b. Upon receiving these signatures, the Director of Institutional Affairs will pass them on to the Senate for a second vote.
    c. If proposal is denied a second time, Senate will draft and send an explanation of reasoning to the entire student body within 24 hours of the vote.

(6) In the interim, a Midd Speaks flag will be hung on the Student Initiative Poles

Respectfully submitted,

David Ollin Pesqueira, Co-chair of the Community Council,
Karina Toy, SGA President

Vote Count

In favor:	President Toy, Co-chair Pesqueira, Speaker Lantigua, Senator Cohen, Senator Pustejovsky, Senator Boyle, Senator Waddell, Senator Duran (proxy), Senator Schoel (proxy), Senator Hayes, Senator Ou, Senator Wright, Senator Andrews, Senator McCormick, Senator McCarthy
Opposed:	Senator Aaron, Senator Goldfield
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

F2016-SR3 passes 15-2-0